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TAGS:OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT OF THE

OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(S/S NO.7503011)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ROGERS

1. THE LAST OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED THE 1975
ASSEMBLY FOR APRIL 16. THE PERMANENT COUNCIL CAN CHANGE
THIS BY MAJORITY VOTE. A POSTPONEMENT CAN PROBABLY BE
ARRANGED. BUT THERE WILL BE SOME COSTS. AMBASSADOR
MAILIARD RECOMMENDS AGAINST UNLESS THE REASONS ARE COM-
PELLING.

ALTERNATIVES:

-- REQUEST A TWO-WEEK POSTPONEMENT.

-- PROPOSE NO CHANGE IN THE DATES.

ADVANTAGES OF REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT:

-- YOUR SCHEDULE IS ALREADY SWOLLEN WITH LATIN
AMERICANA IN LATE MARCH AND APRIL.

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-- POSSIBLE SLIPPAGE IN YOUR SCHEDULE COULD CAUSE

YOU TO BE ABSENT FOR THE OPENING DAYS OF THE ASSEMBLY, WHEN
THE OTHER MINISTERS WILL BE PRESENT.

-- YOU WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE MORE TIME FOR BILATERALS
WITH LATIN FOREIGN MINISTERS. (THIS IS MADE LESS IMPORTANT
BY YOUR TRIP.)

ADVANTAGES OF KEEPING THE APRIL 16 DATE:

-- TO REQUEST POSTPONEMENT MIGHT RAISE EXPECTATIONS
THAT SOMETHING IMPORTANT WAS IN THE WIND;
-- PERVERSELY, OTHER LATINS MIGHT SEE IT AS A "LACK
OF INTEREST";
-- SOME LATINS WILL RESENT A UNILATERAL U.S. PRO-
POSAL AS ARBITRARY AND PATRONIZING, IN ANY CASE, AN AP-
PEARANCE OF LE ROI LE VEUT;
-- A REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT WOULD IMPLY THAT YOU
COULD GIVE A GREAT DEAL OF TIME TO THE ASSEMBLY IF IT WERE
HELD LATER.

RECOMMENDATION:

IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, ADJUST YOUR SCHEDULE TO THE PRESENT
SCHEDULE, EVEN IF IT MEANS ONLY FOUR OR FIVE HOURS (PLUS
BILATERALS) IN THE COURSE OF THE FIRST COUPLE OF DAYS OF
THE OASGA.

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ALTERNATIVELY, REQUEST A POSTPONEMENT. WE WILL PREPARE A
LETTER FROM YOU TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS. USOAS WILL
FOLLOW UP WITH CONSULTATIONS AND A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE
COUNCIL.

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